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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE  
EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD STATUTES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-737 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Commissioner of Education shall establish a program, within  
4 available appropriations, to provide grants to municipalities, boards of  
5 education and child care providers to encourage the use of school  
6 facilities for the provision of child care services before and after school.  
7 In order to qualify for a grant, a municipality, board of education or  
8 child care provider shall guarantee the availability of a school site  
9 which meets the standards set on or before June 30, 2014, by the  
10 Department of Public Health and on and after July 1, 2014, by the  
11 Office of Early Childhood in regulations adopted under sections 19a-  
12 77, 19a-79, 19a-80 and 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as amended by this  
13 act, and shall agree to provide liability insurance coverage for the  
14 program. Grant funds shall be used by the municipality, board of

15 education or child care provider for the maintenance and utility costs  
16 directly attributable to the use of the school facility for the [day care  
17 program] provision of child care services, for related transportation  
18 costs and for the portion of the municipality, board of education or  
19 child care provider liability insurance cost and other operational costs  
20 directly attributable to the [day care program] provision of such child  
21 care services. The municipality or board of education may contract  
22 with a child [day] care provider for the program. The Commissioner of  
23 Education may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of  
24 chapter 54, for purposes of this section. The commissioner may utilize  
25 available child care subsidies to implement the provisions of this  
26 section and encourage association and cooperation with the Head Start  
27 program established pursuant to section 10-16n.

28 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17b-749c of the general statutes is  
29 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
30 *passage*):

31 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall establish a program,  
32 within available appropriations, to provide, on a competitive basis,  
33 supplemental quality enhancement grants to [providers of child care  
34 services or providers of] child care centers or school readiness  
35 programs pursuant to section 10-16p and section 10-16u. Child [day]  
36 care [providers] centers and school readiness programs may apply for  
37 a supplemental quality enhancement grant at such time and on such  
38 form as the commissioner prescribes. Effective July 1, 2014, the  
39 commissioner shall make funds payable to providers under such  
40 grants on a prospective basis.

41 Sec. 3. Section 17b-749d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
42 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

43 Each licensed child [day] care [provider] center receiving funding  
44 directly from the Office of Early Childhood shall adopt a sliding fee  
45 scale based on family income. The Commissioner of Early Childhood

46 shall develop a minimum sliding fee scale which may be adjusted  
47 upward by each such licensed [day] child care [program] center. All  
48 income derived from such fees shall be used to support the licensed  
49 child care [program] center.

50 Sec. 4. Subdivision (12) of section 17a-93 of the 2016 supplement to  
51 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
52 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

53 (12) "Person responsible for the health, welfare or care of a child or  
54 youth" means a child's or a youth's parent, guardian or foster parent;  
55 an employee of a public or private residential home, agency or  
56 institution or other person legally responsible in a residential setting;  
57 or any staff person providing out-of-home care, including [center-  
58 based child day care, family day care or group day care] child care  
59 services, as defined in section 19a-77, provided at a child care center,  
60 group child care home or family child care home;

61 Sec. 5. Section 12-81n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
62 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

63 Any municipality, upon approval by its legislative body, may  
64 provide an exemption from property tax of property subject to taxation  
65 under chapter 208 of a business which offers child care services, as  
66 defined in section 19a-77, to residents of the municipality, provided  
67 such business is not regularly engaged in the construction or operation  
68 of child [day] care [facilities] centers, group child care homes or family  
69 child care homes. Such exemption shall be in the amount of (1) up to  
70 one hundred per cent of the assessed value of the property of the  
71 business used in providing [day] child care services; and (2) up to ten  
72 per cent of the balance of the assessed value of the property of the  
73 business.

74 Sec. 6. Section 8-210 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
75 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

76 (a) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of  
77 Social Services or the Commissioner of Early Childhood, as  
78 appropriate, may enter into a contract with a municipality or a  
79 qualified private, nonprofit corporation for state financial assistance  
80 for the planning, construction, renovation, site preparation and  
81 purchase of improved or unimproved property as part of a capital  
82 development project for neighborhood facilities. Such facilities may  
83 include, but are not limited to, child [day] care [facilities] centers,  
84 elderly centers, multipurpose human resource centers, emergency  
85 shelters for the homeless and shelters for victims of domestic violence.  
86 The financial assistance shall be in the form of state grants-in-aid equal  
87 to (1) all or any portion of the cost of such capital development project  
88 if the grantee is a qualified private nonprofit corporation, or (2) up to  
89 two-thirds of the cost of such capital development project if the  
90 grantee is a municipality, as determined by the Commissioner of Social  
91 Services or the Commissioner of Early Childhood, as appropriate.

92 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of  
93 Early Childhood, may enter into a contract with a municipality, a  
94 human resource development agency or a nonprofit corporation for  
95 state financial assistance in developing and operating child care  
96 centers for children disadvantaged by reasons of economic, social or  
97 environmental conditions, provided no such financial assistance shall  
98 be available for the operating costs of any such child care center unless  
99 it has been licensed by the Commissioner of Early Childhood pursuant  
100 to section 19a-80. Such financial assistance shall be available for a  
101 program of a municipality, of a human resource development agency  
102 or of a nonprofit corporation which may provide for personnel,  
103 equipment, supplies, activities, program materials and renovation and  
104 remodeling of physical facilities of such child care centers. Such  
105 contract shall provide for state financial assistance, within available  
106 appropriations, in the form of a state grant-in-aid (1) for a portion of  
107 the cost of such program as determined by the Commissioner of Early  
108 Childhood, if not federally assisted, or (2) equal to one-half of the

109 amount by which the net cost of such program as approved by the  
110 Commissioner of Early Childhood exceeds the federal grant-in-aid  
111 thereof. The Commissioner of Early Childhood may authorize child  
112 care centers [provided] receiving financial assistance [pursuant to]  
113 under this subsection to apply a program surplus to the next program  
114 year. The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall consult with  
115 directors of child care centers in establishing fees for the operation of  
116 such centers.

117 (c) The Office of Early Childhood, in consultation with  
118 representatives from child care centers, within available  
119 appropriations, shall develop guidelines for programs provided at  
120 state-contracted child care [center programs] centers. The guidelines  
121 shall include standards for program quality and design and identify  
122 short and long-term outcomes for families participating in such  
123 programs. The Office of Early Childhood, within available  
124 appropriations, shall provide a copy of such guidelines to each state-  
125 contracted child care center. Each state-contracted child care center  
126 shall use the guidelines to develop a program improvement plan for  
127 the next twelve-month period and shall submit the plan to the Office of  
128 Early Childhood. The plan shall include goals to be used for measuring  
129 such improvement. The Office of Early Childhood shall use the plan to  
130 monitor the progress of [the] such center.

131 (d) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of  
132 Early Childhood, may enter into a contract with a municipality, a  
133 human resource development agency or a nonprofit corporation for  
134 state financial assistance for a project of renovation of any child [day]  
135 care [facility] center receiving assistance [pursuant to the provisions of]  
136 under this section, to make such [facility] center accessible to the  
137 physically disabled, in the form of a state grant-in-aid equal to (1) the  
138 total net cost of the project as approved by the Commissioner of Early  
139 Childhood, or (2) the total amount by which the net cost of the project  
140 as approved by the Commissioner of Early Childhood exceeds the  
141 federal grant-in-aid thereof.

142 (e) Any municipality, human resource development agency or  
 143 nonprofit corporation [which] that enters into a contract pursuant to  
 144 this section for state financial assistance for a [day care facility] child  
 145 care center shall have sole responsibility for the development of the  
 146 budget of the [day care program] program provided at such child care  
 147 center, including, but not limited to, personnel costs, purchases of  
 148 equipment, supplies, activities and program materials, within the  
 149 resources provided by the state under said contract. Upon local  
 150 determination of a change in the type of [day care service] child care  
 151 services required in the area, a municipality, human resource  
 152 development agency or nonprofit corporation may, within the limits of  
 153 its annual budget and subject to the provisions of this subsection and  
 154 sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as  
 155 amended by this act, change its [day care service] child care service.  
 156 An application to change the type of child care service provided shall  
 157 be submitted to the Commissioner of Early Childhood. Not later than  
 158 forty-five days after the Commissioner of Early Childhood receives the  
 159 application, the Commissioner of Early Childhood shall advise the  
 160 municipality, human resource development agency or nonprofit  
 161 corporation of the Commissioner of Early Childhood's approval,  
 162 denial or approval with modifications of the application. If the  
 163 Commissioner of Early Childhood fails to act on the application not  
 164 later than forty-five days after the application's submittal, the  
 165 application shall be deemed approved.

166 (f) The Commissioner of Early Childhood may, in his or her  
 167 discretion, with the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
 168 and Management authorize the expenditure of such funds for the  
 169 purposes of this section as shall enable the Commissioner of Early  
 170 Childhood to apply for, qualify for and provide the state's share of [a]  
 171 federally assisted [day care program] child care services.

172 Sec. 7. Subdivision (10) of subsection (b) of section 10-500 of the 2016  
 173 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
 174 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

175 (10) Continually monitoring and evaluating all early care and  
176 education and child development programs and services, focusing on  
177 program outcomes in satisfying the health, safety, developmental and  
178 educational needs of all children, while retaining distinct separation  
179 between quality improvement services and [child day care] licensing  
180 services for child care centers, group child care homes and family child  
181 care homes;

182 Sec. 8. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of  
183 section 16-50p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
184 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

185 (D) In the case of an electric transmission line, (i) what part, if any,  
186 of the facility shall be located overhead, (ii) that the facility conforms to  
187 a long-range plan for expansion of the electric power grid of the  
188 electric systems serving the state and interconnected utility systems  
189 and will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability,  
190 and (iii) that the overhead portions, if any, of the facility are cost  
191 effective and the most appropriate alternative based on a life-cycle cost  
192 analysis of the facility and underground alternatives to such facility,  
193 are consistent with the purposes of this chapter, with such regulations  
194 or standards as the council may adopt pursuant to section 16-50t,  
195 including, but not limited to, the council's best management practices  
196 for electric and magnetic fields for electric transmission lines and with  
197 the Federal Power Commission "Guidelines for the Protection of  
198 Natural Historic Scenic and Recreational Values in the Design and  
199 Location of Rights-of-Way and Transmission Facilities" or any  
200 successor guidelines and any other applicable federal guidelines and  
201 are to be contained within an area that provides a buffer zone that  
202 protects the public health and safety, as determined by the council. In  
203 establishing such buffer zone, the council shall consider, among other  
204 things, residential areas, private or public schools, licensed child [day]  
205 care [facilities] centers, licensed youth camps or public playgrounds  
206 adjacent to the proposed route of the overhead portions and the level  
207 of the voltage of the overhead portions and any existing overhead

208 transmission lines on the proposed route. At a minimum, the existing  
209 right-of-way shall serve as the buffer zone;

210 Sec. 9. Subsection (i) of section 16-50p of the general statutes is  
211 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
212 *passage*):

213 (i) For a facility described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of  
214 section 16-50i, with a capacity of not less than three hundred forty-five  
215 kilovolts, the presumption shall be that a proposal to place the  
216 overhead portions, if any, of such facility adjacent to residential areas,  
217 private or public schools, licensed child [day] care [facilities] centers,  
218 licensed youth camps or public playgrounds is inconsistent with the  
219 purposes of this chapter. An applicant may rebut this presumption by  
220 demonstrating to the council that burying the facility will be  
221 technologically infeasible. In determining such infeasibility, the council  
222 shall consider the effect of burying the facility on the reliability of the  
223 electric transmission system of the state and whether the cost of any  
224 contemplated technology or design configuration may result in an  
225 unreasonable economic burden on the ratepayers of the state.

226 Sec. 10. Section 17b-733 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
227 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

228 The Office of Early Childhood shall be the lead agency for child care  
229 services, as defined in section 19a-77, in Connecticut. The office shall:  
230 (1) Identify, annually, existing child care services and maintain an  
231 inventory of all available services; (2) provide technical assistance to  
232 corporations and private agencies in the development and expansion  
233 of child care services for families at all income levels, including  
234 families of their employees and clients; (3) study and identify funding  
235 sources available for child [day] care services including federal funds  
236 and tax benefits; (4) study the cost and availability of liability  
237 insurance for [child day care] providers of child care services; (5)  
238 encourage providers of child care services to obtain accreditation; (6)



239 develop a range of financing options for child care services, including  
240 the use of a tax-exempt bond program, a loan guarantee program and  
241 establishing a direct revolving loan program; (7) promote the  
242 colocation of child care services and school readiness programs  
243 pursuant to section 4b-31; (8) establish a performance-based evaluation  
244 system; (9) develop for recommendation to the Governor and the  
245 General Assembly measures to provide incentives for the private  
246 sector to develop and support expanded child care services; (10)  
247 provide, within available funds and in conjunction with the temporary  
248 family assistance program, as defined in section 17b-680, and  
249 administered by the Department of Social Services, child [day] care  
250 services to public assistance recipients; (11) develop and implement,  
251 with the assistance of the Early Childhood Cabinet, established  
252 pursuant to section 10-16z, a coordinated and comprehensive state-  
253 wide early childhood care and education system of professional  
254 development for providers and staff of early childhood care and  
255 education programs, including child care centers, group child care  
256 homes and family child care homes that provide child care services,  
257 that makes available to such providers and their staff, within available  
258 appropriations, scholarship assistance, career counseling and training  
259 and advancement in career ladders, as defined in section 4-124bb; (12)  
260 plan and implement a unit cost reimbursement system for state-  
261 funded child care services such that, on and after January 1, 2008, any  
262 increase in reimbursement shall be based on a requirement that such  
263 centers meet the staff qualifications, as defined in subsection (b) of  
264 section 10-16p; (13) develop, within available funds, initiatives to  
265 increase compensation paid to [child day care] providers of child care  
266 services for educational opportunities, including, but not limited to,  
267 (A) incentives for educational advancement paid to persons employed  
268 by child care centers receiving state or federal funds, and (B) support  
269 for the establishment and implementation by the Labor Commissioner  
270 of apprenticeship programs for child [day] care center workers  
271 pursuant to sections 31-22m to 31-22q, inclusive, which programs shall  
272 be jointly administered by labor and management trustees; (14)

273 evaluate the effectiveness of any initiatives developed pursuant to  
 274 subdivision (13) of this section in improving staff retention rates and  
 275 the quality of education and care provided to children; and (15) report  
 276 annually to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance  
 277 with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the status of child [day] care  
 278 services in Connecticut. Such report shall include (A) an itemization of  
 279 the allocation of state and federal funds for programs providing child  
 280 care [programs] services; (B) the number of children served under each  
 281 program so funded; (C) the number and type of such programs,  
 282 providers and support personnel; (D) state activities to encourage  
 283 partnership between the public and private sectors; (E) average  
 284 payments issued by the state for both part-time and full-time child  
 285 care; (F) range of family income and percentages served within each  
 286 range by such programs; and (G) age range of children served.

287 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 19a-87a of the general statutes is  
 288 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
 289 *passage*):

290 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall have the discretion  
 291 to refuse to license under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-  
 292 82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this act, a person to conduct,  
 293 operate or maintain a [day] child care center or a group child care  
 294 home, as defined in section 19a-77, or to suspend or revoke the license  
 295 or take any other action set forth in regulation that may be adopted  
 296 pursuant to section 19a-79 if, the person who owns, conducts,  
 297 maintains or operates such center or home or a person employed  
 298 therein in a position connected with the provision of care to a child  
 299 receiving child care services, has been convicted in this state or any  
 300 other state of a felony as defined in section 53a-25 involving the use,  
 301 attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another  
 302 person, of cruelty to persons under section 53-20, injury or risk of  
 303 injury to or impairing morals of children under section 53-21,  
 304 abandonment of children under the age of six years under section 53-  
 305 23, or any felony where the victim of the felony is a child under

306 eighteen years of age, or of a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-  
307 70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, or has a criminal record in this  
308 state or any other state that the commissioner reasonably believes  
309 renders the person unsuitable to own, conduct, operate or maintain or  
310 be employed by a child care center or group child care home.  
311 However, no refusal of a license shall be rendered except in accordance  
312 with the provisions of sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive.

313 Sec. 12. Section 19a-82 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
314 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

315 The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall utilize consultative  
316 services and assistance from the Departments of Education, Mental  
317 Health and Addiction Services and Social Services and from municipal  
318 building, fire and health departments. The commissioner shall make  
319 periodic inspections of licensed [day] child care centers, group child  
320 care homes and family child care homes and shall provide technical  
321 assistance to licensees and applicants for licenses to assist them to  
322 attain and maintain the standards established in regulations adopted  
323 under this section and sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, [19a-82] 19a-  
324 84 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-87b.

325 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 19a-87 of the general statutes is  
326 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
327 *passage*):

328 (a) Any person or officer of an association, organization or  
329 corporation who establishes, conducts, maintains or operates a [day]  
330 child care center or group child care home without a current and valid  
331 license shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than one hundred  
332 dollars a day for each day that such center or home is operated  
333 without a license.

334 Sec. 14. Subdivision (6) of subsection (n) of section 4b-23 of the  
335 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
336 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

337 (6) The encouragement of the establishment of child [day] care  
 338 [facilities] centers and child development centers including provisions  
 339 for (A) full-day and year-round programs for children of working  
 340 parents, (B) opportunities for parents to choose among accredited  
 341 public or private programs, (C) open enrollment for children in child  
 342 care and school readiness programs, and (D) incentives for the  
 343 colocation and service integration of child care programs and school  
 344 readiness programs pursuant to section 4b-31.

345 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 17a-248i of the 2016 supplement to  
 346 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
 347 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

348 (a) Not later than October 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Early  
 349 Childhood shall require, as part of the birth-to-three program [.]  
 350 established under section 17a-248b, that the parent or guardian of a  
 351 child who is (1) receiving services under the birth-to-three program,  
 352 and (2) exhibiting delayed speech, language or hearing development  
 353 [.] be notified of the availability of hearing testing for such child. Such  
 354 notification may include, but not be limited to, information regarding  
 355 (A) the benefits of hearing testing for children, (B) the resources  
 356 available to the parent or guardian for hearing testing and treatment,  
 357 and (C) any financial assistance that may be available for such testing.

358 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the 2016 supplement to  
 359 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
 360 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

361 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: (1) Any  
 362 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, (2)  
 363 any resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether  
 364 or not so licensed, (3) any registered nurse, (4) any licensed practical  
 365 nurse, (5) any medical examiner, (6) any dentist, (7) any dental  
 366 hygienist, (8) any psychologist, (9) any school employee, as defined in  
 367 section 53a-65, (10) any social worker, (11) any person who holds or is

368 issued a coaching permit by the State Board of Education, is a coach of  
369 intramural or interscholastic athletics and is eighteen years of age or  
370 older, (12) any individual who is employed as a coach or director of  
371 youth athletics and is eighteen years of age or older, (13) any  
372 individual who is employed as a coach or director of a private youth  
373 sports organization, league or team and is eighteen years of age or  
374 older, (14) any paid administrator, faculty, staff, athletic director,  
375 athletic coach or athletic trainer employed by a public or private  
376 institution of higher education who is eighteen years of age or older,  
377 excluding student employees, (15) any police officer, (16) any juvenile  
378 or adult probation officer, (17) any juvenile or adult parole officer, (18)  
379 any member of the clergy, (19) any pharmacist, (20) any physical  
380 therapist, (21) any optometrist, (22) any chiropractor, (23) any  
381 podiatrist, (24) any mental health professional, (25) any physician  
382 assistant, (26) any person who is a licensed or certified emergency  
383 medical services provider, (27) any person who is a licensed or  
384 certified alcohol and drug counselor, (28) any person who is a licensed  
385 marital and family therapist, (29) any person who is a sexual assault  
386 counselor or a domestic violence counselor, as defined in section 52-  
387 146k, (30) any person who is a licensed professional counselor, (31) any  
388 person who is a licensed foster parent, (32) any person paid to care for  
389 a child in any public or private facility, child care center, group child  
390 care home or family child care home licensed by the state, (33) any  
391 employee of the Department of Children and Families, (34) any  
392 employee of the Department of Public Health, (35) any employee of the  
393 Office of Early Childhood who is responsible for the licensing of child  
394 care centers, group child care homes, family child care homes or youth  
395 camps, (36) any paid youth camp director or assistant director, (37) the  
396 Child Advocate and any employee of the Office of the Child Advocate,  
397 and (38) any family relations counselor, family relations counselor  
398 trainee or family services supervisor employed by the Judicial  
399 Department.

400 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 10-520 of the 2016 supplement to

401 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
402 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

403 (b) On and after July 1, 2015, the Office of Early Childhood shall,  
404 during a review and assessment pursuant to subdivision (4) of  
405 subsection (b) of section 10-16p, collect data relating to bachelor's  
406 degree programs in early childhood education or [childhood] child  
407 development that have not been approved by the Board of Regents for  
408 Higher Education or the Office of Higher Education and the Office of  
409 Early Childhood from institutions of higher education that are  
410 regionally accredited. The office shall, at least quarterly, use such data  
411 to conduct a trend analysis of such bachelor's degree programs for the  
412 purpose of determining (1) whether such bachelor's degree programs  
413 align with the teacher preparation standards of the National  
414 Association for the Education of Young Children, and (2) which  
415 courses and concentrations offered as part of such bachelor's degree  
416 programs align with such teacher preparation standards.

417 Sec. 18. Section 10-507 of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes  
418 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
419 *from passage*):

420 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "smart start  
421 competitive capital grant account" which shall be a capital projects  
422 fund. The account shall contain the amounts authorized by the State  
423 Bond Commission in accordance with section 10-508 and any other  
424 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the  
425 account shall be expended by the Office of Early Childhood for the  
426 purposes of the Connecticut Smart Start competitive grant program  
427 established pursuant to section 10-506.

428 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "smart start  
429 competitive operating grant account" which shall be a separate,  
430 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall  
431 contain moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, in

432 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of  
433 section 4-28e. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Office of  
434 Early Childhood for the purposes of the Connecticut Smart Start  
435 competitive grant program established pursuant to section 10-506.

436 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 10-16r of the 2016 supplement to  
437 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
438 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

439 (b) The local school readiness council shall: (1) Make  
440 recommendations to the chief elected official and the superintendent of  
441 schools on issues relating to school readiness, including any  
442 applications for grants pursuant to sections 10-16p, 10-16u, 17b-749a  
443 and 17b-749c, as amended by this act; (2) foster partnerships among  
444 providers of school readiness programs; (3) cooperate with the [office  
445 in any program evaluation] Office of Early Childhood in any  
446 evaluation of a school readiness program; (4) identify existing and  
447 prospective resources and services available to children and families;  
448 (5) facilitate the coordination of the delivery of services to children and  
449 families, including (A) referral procedures, and (B) before and after-  
450 school child care for children attending kindergarten programs; (6)  
451 exchange information with other councils, the community and  
452 organizations serving the needs of children and families; (7) make  
453 recommendations to school officials concerning transition from school  
454 readiness programs to kindergarten; and (8) encourage public  
455 participation.

456 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 10-74k of the 2016 supplement to  
457 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
458 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

459 (a) The Department of Education shall develop guidelines for the  
460 provision of alternative education, as defined in section 10-74j. Such  
461 guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the  
462 purpose and expectations of alternative education, criteria for who is

463 eligible to receive alternative education [,] and criteria for how and  
464 when a student may enter or exit alternative education.

465 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 10-4v of the 2016 supplement to the  
466 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
467 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

468 (a) Not later than September 15, 2015, the Commissioner of  
469 Education shall develop a process to invite innovation waiver requests  
470 from local and regional boards of education for waivers of the  
471 provisions of this title over which the State Board of Education has  
472 jurisdiction, or any regulation adopted by the state board, except a  
473 local or regional board of education shall not request or be granted a  
474 waiver of the provisions of part I of chapter 166, chapters 169 and 172,  
475 sections 10-14n to 10-14w, inclusive, 10-15, 10-16, 10-16b, 10-76d, 10-  
476 186, 10-221a, 10-223e, 10-226a to 10-226h, inclusive, and 10-233c [and  
477 10-281] or any requirement of federal law. Any such innovation waiver  
478 request shall be made in a manner and form prescribed by the  
479 commissioner and shall demonstrate (1) how the granting of an  
480 innovation waiver would stimulate innovation or improve  
481 administration of school district operations or student academic  
482 performance, (2) that the local or regional board of education can  
483 address the intent of the statute or regulation for which an innovation  
484 waiver is being sought in a more effective, efficient or economical  
485 manner, and (3) how the granting of an innovation waiver would  
486 ensure the protection of sound educational practices, the health and  
487 safety of students and school personnel, and equal opportunities for  
488 learning.

489 Sec. 22. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the  
490 2016 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
491 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

492 (3) For districts assisting the state in meeting the goals of the 2008  
493 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al.,



494 as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo  
 495 Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, as determined by  
 496 the commissioner, [(i)] (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the  
 497 amount of such grant shall not exceed an amount equal to the number  
 498 of such children transported multiplied by one thousand four hundred  
 499 dollars, and [(ii)] (B) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, to June  
 500 30, 2017, inclusive, the amount of such grant shall not exceed an  
 501 amount equal to the number of such children transported multiplied  
 502 by two thousand dollars.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |                 |
| Section 1   | <i>from passage</i> | 17b-737         |
| Sec. 2  | <i>from passage</i> | 17b-749c(a)     |
| Sec. 3  | <i>from passage</i> | 17b-749d        |
| Sec. 4  | <i>from passage</i> | 17a-93(12)      |
| Sec. 5  | <i>from passage</i> | 12-81n          |
| Sec. 6  | <i>from passage</i> | 8-210           |
| Sec. 7  | <i>from passage</i> | 10-500(b)(10)   |
| Sec. 8  | <i>from passage</i> | 16-50p(a)(3)(D) |
| Sec. 9  | <i>from passage</i> | 16-50p(i)       |
| Sec. 10   | <i>from passage</i> | 17b-733         |
| Sec. 11   | <i>from passage</i> | 19a-87a(a)      |
| Sec. 12   | <i>from passage</i> | 19a-82          |
| Sec. 13   | <i>from passage</i> | 19a-87(a)       |
| Sec. 14   | <i>from passage</i> | 4b-23(n)(6)     |
| Sec. 15   | <i>from passage</i> | 17a-248i(a)     |
| Sec. 16   | <i>from passage</i> | 17a-101(b)      |
| Sec. 17   | <i>from passage</i> | 10-520(b)       |
| Sec. 18   | <i>from passage</i> | 10-507          |
| Sec. 19   | <i>from passage</i> | 10-16r(b)       |
| Sec. 20   | <i>from passage</i> | 10-74k(a)       |
| Sec. 21   | <i>from passage</i> | 10-4v(a)        |
| Sec. 22   | <i>from passage</i> | 10-264i(a)(3)   |

***Statement of Purpose:***

To make technical revisions to the education and early childhood statutes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*